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Incorporating REVIEW OF INTERNATIONAL BROADCASTING
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Thu 2130 on WWCN 15825

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** AUSTRALIA. Some Darwin registrations in A-05, ABC:
9625 1400 1600 49S,54 DRW 250 290 English AUS ABC CVI
9785 2130 2330 54 DRW 250 290 Indonesian AUS ABC CVI

and CVI - Christian Vision

13685	1000	1400	43,44,50	DRW	250	340	English	AUS	VIL	CVI
13770	0900	1400	43,44,50	DRW	250	340	Chinese	AUS	VIL	CVI
15205	1400	1800	43,44,50	DRW	250	340	English	AUS	VIL	CVI
17775	0130	0200	49,50,54	DRW	250	317	English	AUS	VIL	CVI
17820	0400	1000	54	DRW	250	290	Indonesian	AUS	VIL	CVI
17830	0700	1000	43,44,50	DRW	250	340	Chinese	AUS	VIL	CVI

and HCA Kununurra WA AUS G.C. 15S48 128E41

11750	0700-1000	51,55,56,59,60,62	KNX	50	120	ENGLISH	AUS	HCA
15390	1430-1600	40,41,49,54	KNX	100	307	ENGLISH	AUS	HCA
15405	1300-1430	44,49,50,54	KNX	100	340	010605 010905	VARIOUS	AUS HCA
15405	1300-1430	40,41,49,54	KNX	100	307	010905 301005	VARIOUS	AUS HCA
15405	1300-1430	40,41,49,54	KNX	100	307	270305 010605	VARIOUS	AUS HCA
15425	1000-1300	41E,49,54	KNX	100	307	VARIOUS	AUS	HCA
15525	2230-0100	44,50,54	KNX	100	340	VARIOUS	AUS	HCA
15560	0100-0230	40,41,49,54	KNX	100	307	ENGLISH	AUS	HCA
15560	0230-0300	40,41,49,54	KNX	100	307	1 ENGLISH	AUS	HCA
15560	0230-0300	40,41,49,54	KNX	100	307	234567 URDU	AUS	HCA

(March 9) (BC-DX March 22 via DXLD) See also ECUADOR [and non]

** BELARUS. The local station at Brest using 6010 would seem to be putting out a second harmonic on 12020. The signal was heard again today (March 22) broadcasting 'reklama' (commercials) shortly before 0800 and then with an ID for Belarus Radio on the hour. The signal on 12020 was peaking to fair strength (with intermittent DRM splatter from an unknown transmission using 12025 on/off) while the fundamental 6010 was peaking fair to good. And even the LW 279 was also just audible. All were in parallel. 73 (Noel R. Green [NW England], dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** BOLIVIA. Radio San Miguel Riberalta, fue captada el 21/03, a las 0146 UT, en los 4900.29 kHz (una variaci n de m.s de 4 kHz por debajo de su frecuencia original). Emit a m sica rumbera con locutor de

guardia (Ad'n Gonz'lez, Catia La Mar, VENEZUELA Yaesu FT-890, Antena TH3MK3, March 22, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** BULGARIA. Summer A-05 RADIO BULGARIA March 27 - October 30, 2005

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SW: P=Plovdiv (G.C: 42N10/024E42): 2 x 500 kW, 3 x 250 kW
S=Sofia (G.C: 42N49/023E13): 2 x 100 kW, 2 x 050 kW
V=Varna (G.C: 43N03/027E40): 2 x 100 kW

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0530-0600	Mon-Fri	Balkans	7200 P250/248,	1224
0600-0700	Sat/Sun	Balkans	7200 P250/248,	1224
1100-1130	-daily-	Balkans	7200 P250/248	
1600-1630	-daily-	Balkans	7200 P250/248,	1224
1900-2000	-daily-	Balkans	5900 P250/248,	1224, 747

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0000-0100	-daily-	South America	9500 P250/245,	11500 P250/258
0000-0100	-daily-	North America	9700 P500/306,	11700 P500/306
0430-0500	Mon-Fri	Balkans	7200 P250/248,	1224
0430-0500	Mon-Fri	East Europe	7500 S100/030,	9400 S100/030
0430-0500	Mon-Fri	West Europe	9500 P500/306,	11500 P500/306
0400-0500	Sat/Sun	Balkans	7200 P250/248,	1224
0400-0500	Sat/Sun	East Europe	7500 S100/030,	9400 S100/030
0400-0500	Sat/Sun	West Europe	9500 P500/306,	11500 P500/306
1000-1030	-daily-	Balkans	7200 P250/248	
1000-1030	-daily-	East Europe	11600 S100/030,	13600 S100/030
1000-1030	-daily-	West Europe	11700 P500/306,	15700 P500/306
1200-1400	-daily-	Balkans	1224	
1200-1400	-daily-	West Europe	11700 P500/306,	15700 P500/306
1500-1600	-daily-	Balkans	7200 P250/248,	1224
1500-1600	-daily-	East Europe	7500 S100/030,	9400 S100/030
1500-1600	-daily-	Middle East	15700 P500/126	
1500-1600	-daily-	South Africa	17500 P500/185	
1800-1900	-daily-	Balkans	5900 P250/248,	1224, 747
1800-2000	-daily-	Middle East	7400 P250/140	
1800-2000	-daily-	West Europe	9700 P250/306	

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0200-0300	-daily-	North America	9700 P500/306,	11700 P500/306
0630-0700	-daily-	West Europe	11600 P500/306,	13600 P500/306

1130-1200	-daily-	West Europe	11700 P500/306,	15700 P500/306
1730-1800	-daily-	West Europe	9500 P500/306,	11500 P500/306
2100-2200	-daily-	West Europe	5800 P500/295,	7500 P500/306
2300-2400	-daily-	North America	9700 P500/306,	11700 P500/306

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0100-0200	-daily-	North America	9700 P500/306,	11700 P500/306
0600-0630	-daily-	West Europe	11600 P500/306,	13600 P500/306
1100-1130	-daily-	West Europe	11700 P500/306,	15700 P500/306
1700-1730	-daily-	West Europe	9500 P500/306,	11500 P500/306
2000-2100	-daily-	West Europe	5800 P500/295,	7500 P500/306

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0500-0530	-daily-	West Europe	9500 P500/306,	11500 P500/306
1030-1100	-daily-	West Europe	11700 P500/306,	15700 P500/306
1630-1700	-daily-	West Europe	9500 P500/306,	11500 P500/306
1900-2000	-daily-	West Europe	5800 P500/295,	7500 P500/306

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0500-0530	Mon-Fri	Balkans	7200 P250/248,	1224
0500-0600	Sat/Sin	Balkans	7200 P250/248,	1224
1030-1100	-daily-	Balkans	7200 P250/248	
1630-1700	-daily-	Balkans	7200 P250/248,	1224, 747
2000-2100	-daily-	Balkans	5900 P250/248,	1224, 747

RUSSIAN / e-mail: russian @ bnr.bg

0300-0400	-daily-	East Europe	7500 S100/030,	9400
S100/030,			1224	
0500-0530	-daily-	East Europe	7500 S100/030,	9400 S100/030
1030-1100	-daily-	East Europe	11600 S100/030,	13600 S100/030
1400-1500	-daily-	East Europe	7500 S100/030,	9400 S100/030
			1224	
1400-1500	-daily-	Central Asia	12000 P250/045	
1600-1630	-daily-	East Europe	7500 S100/030,	9400 S100/030
1800-1900	-daily-	East Europe	7500 S100/030,	9400 S100/030
2300-2400	-daily-	Central Asia	13600 P250/045	

SERBIAN / e-mail: serbian @ bnr.bg

0600-0630	Mon-Fri	Balkans	7200 P250/248,	1224
0700-0800	Sat/Sun	Balkans	7200 P250/248,	1224
1130-1200	-daily-	Balkans	7200 P250/248	
1700-1730	-daily-	Balkans	7200 P250/248,	1224, 747
2100-2200	-daily-	Balkans	5900 P250/248,	1224, 747

SPANISH / e-mail: spanish @ bnr.bg

0100-0200	-daily-	South America	9500 P250/245,	11500 P250/258
0100-0200	-daily-	Central America	9400 P250/295	
0600-0630	-daily-	South Europe	13700 P250/292,	15700 P250/260

1100-1130	-daily-	South Europe	11600 P250/260, 13600 P250/292
1630-1700	-daily-	South Europe	15700 P250/260, 17500 P250/292
2100-2200	-daily-	South Europe	11800 P250/292, 13800 P250/260
2300-2400	-daily-	South America	9500 P250/245, 11500 P250/258

TURKISH / e-mail: turkish@bnr.bg

0500-0530	-daily-	Middle East	6000 P250/115, 7400 P250/140
1000-1030	-daily-	Middle East	6000 P250/115, 7400 P250/140
1730-1800	-daily-	Middle East	7400 P250/140, 1224, 747

RADIO VARNA

2100-2400	Sun	Black Sea	7400 V100/ND
0000-0300	Mon	Black Sea	7400 V100/ND

DX-MIX program in Bulgarian will be on air:

1345-1400	Sun	1224 11700 15700
1945-2000	Sun	7400 9700

DX-MIX program in Russian will be on air:

1445-1500	Sat	1224 7500 9400 12000
1615-1630	Sat	7500 9400
1845-1900	Sat	7500 9400
2345-2400	Sat	13600
0345-0400	Sun	1224 7500 9400
0515-0530	Sun	7500 9400
1045-1100	Sun	11600 13600
0515-0530	Mon	7500 9400
1045-1100	Wed	11600 13600

(Observer, Bulgaria, March 22, via DXLD)

** CANADA. I wonder just what financial arrangement RCI has with Desjardins International Development? Instead of an extended newscast which is on CBC Radio at that hour, RCI runs every weekday at 1403 UT on 9515, 13655, 17820, a 5-minute plug (dare I say commercial?) for DID; in addition to frequent briefer promos for the contest they are sponsoring (Glenn Hauser, OK, March 22, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** CANADA. Ham operation on board HMCS Haida has been a highly contentious issue since Parks Canada "hijacked" the ship from the Canadian people. I wrote a letter of concern to the former federal minister responsible for Parks Canada - Sheila Copps. In the reply that I received I was told that Parks Canada is a semi-autonomous body who would deal with the issue independently.

I subsequently received a further reply from the head of Parks Canada which curtly dismissed amateur radio as unworthy of any merit in the context of Parks Canada's self-appointed role in running the ship according to its own rules.

A leading campaigner in the fight to restore amateur radio to HMCS Haida was John Forrest, VA3USN. John was a veteran merchant navy radio operator from WW2 who sadly passed away a couple of weeks ago. John and a fellow retired shipmate operated on board the ship almost every weekend for several years.

I had the privilege of operating from one of the Haida radio rooms myself in recent years, alongside John, during the annual Museum Ships amateur radio event.

John had arranged for Parks Canada to setup a Haida display at the upcoming Ham-Ex (Peel and Mississauga Amateur Radio Club's annual hamfest, April 9th at the Brampton Fairgrounds, Brampton, Ontario). As soon as John entered hospital for an operation from which he never recovered, Parks Canada reneged on even that commitment.

Parks Canada's red herring requirement to operate in both of Canada's official languages demonstrates their contempt for and lack of understanding of amateur radio. Although we could easily satisfy that requirement, only a relatively small minority of hams in other countries would be willing or able to respond in French. Even though Canadian hams respect the French language (and many of us speak it) English is universally accepted as the language of amateur radio around the world.

One might observe that English is also the international language for air traffic control and the federal government has not insisted that ATC be conducted in both official languages (yet).

The late John Forrest, VA3USN, believed very sincerely that maintaining an active radio room on board HMCS Haida was a living tribute to Canada's veterans. Those of us who supported John's dream to bring the Haida's radio rooms back to life now fear that his dream has died with him. Chalk up one victory for bureaucratic arrogance and a sad loss for democracy (John Corby, VA3KOT, Orangeville, Ontario, ODXA via DXLD) see also INTERNATIONAL VACUUM

** CANADA. Call letters assigned or changed: BC, Vancouver, *90.9 CFVE (ex-CBUX), to 1200 h,v (567 m, d-a), licensed to Aboriginal Voices Radio (March FMedia! via DXLD)

Remember when CBUX was the callsign of 6160, now CKZU? They had to quit using CB- calls on international SW, since Chile's acquiescence to Canadian usurpation of its prefix applied only to domestic bands (Glenn Hauser, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

New FM station granted: SK, Warmley (NNE Estevan, ENE Weyburn, SW Wapella at 49-38-37, 102-41-14) *101.5 100000 h,v; 301 m, \$, relay

of CBC Radio Two programming from CBK-FM 96.9 Regina (March FMedia! via DXLD) That would be the one so close to the border that a significant portion of the US is in its coverage area (gh, DXLD)

You may recall my curiosity about Warmley roughly 10 years ago --- to the extent that I took a side trip to find it during one of my annual forays to North Dakota. Warmley is precisely where Bruce's info says it is. In fact, he was the first to send me a copy of an old map bearing the village's name and location. When I was there, the only remnant of civilization was a small building that I later learned had served as both a church and village community centre over the years. It had seen better days, and may be gone by now. There was no highway sign or any other type of marking to indicate that this was Warmley. Not far north of the lone structure at the old townsite (which is on the east side of the gravel road about 8 miles north of Kisbey) is the CBKT-7 (formerly CFSS) transmitter building. The TV is now owned by the CBC, but remains commercial in its operation. CBC radio stations are noncommercial. At the time of my visit the broadcast facility was still owned by ``Shamrock Broadcasting`` of Yorkton, and the transmitter building was appropriately painted white with green trim. As for putting it back on the map, I suppose that's a noble gesture; however a bit of an exercise in futility since there's nothing there (Tom Bryant, Nashville, March FMedia! via DXLD)

** CHINA. I'd like to say a few words in support of the ever-developing and improving CRI. Sure, we all know it's a government broadcaster. So what? So are many other stations, including VOA.

Second, concerning Mike's quote from Xinhua (the New China News Agency) referring to CRI's mission to promote "positive propaganda" about China: I think we have to have a proper understanding of the word "propaganda". Properly understood, "propaganda" is "ethically neutral", i.e. it is neither inherently truthful nor false and can be either malevolent or well-intentioned. The term, in fact, originates from a Latin word meaning "to propagate" and was first used by the Catholic church when it set up its Congregation for the Propagation of the Faith to spread the word amongst the faithful. The mis-use of "propaganda" as a negative term is really a phenomenon of the twentieth century, largely due, I suspect, to the creation by Goebbels of a Ministry for Propaganda. Even so, if you look at internal documents of the British government from World War Two and later, you will find that the word is often used in its original and correct form in describing the broadcasting and publishing activities of the British. So there's is nothing disreputable about CRI being a propaganda station in the true sense of the term. My only criticism is that if the Chinese were better "propagandists" they would translate "propaganda" as "publicity" on their English newswire given the widespread mis-use of the term in popular usage.

Third, I remember listening to VOA in the late fifties as a very junior listener. One report that has stuck in my mind concerns a "news" item about an anti-nuclear demonstration in Britain attended by thousands of Britons from all walks of life and of many different political persuasions. This was dismissed by VOA with the insulting, and inaccurate comment, that "the demonstrators consisted mainly of youngsters in gaudy dress" - hardly an "objective" or "unbiased" report, despite VOA's alleged commitment to such journalistic values.

Over the years VOA has improved, and so have most other governmental stations, but you still hear on allegedly impartial stations, such as the BBC World Service, news reports describing governments of which they disapprove as "regimes" whilst those they do approve of are correctly designated as governments or administrations (i.e. "The Cuban regime" and "the Washington Administration").

Like VOA before it, CRI is changing. It's much different and much better than the old Radio Peking and Radio Beijing and, as far as my own ears are concerned, it's getting better every day. Economic development is indeed causing big problems in China and the Chinese government are trying to tackle the problem, e.g. by clamping down on corrupt officials and improving the life of migrant workers. Change in China will be incremental, just as it was in the USA. Remember, it took the US more than 150 years before it introduced Black civil rights. The People's Republic of China is only 56 years old. Don't expect too much too soon. Countries develop unevenly, according to their own history and their own needs at a particular time. We shouldn't try to impose our way of life on the Chinese (or for that matter on anyone else). Let them develop in their own way according to their own needs, and for God's sake stop preaching to the Chinese.

The folks who inflicted the Opium War on China, turned it into a semi-colony and put up signs in Shanghai saying "Dogs and Chinamen not allowed", etc., are hardly fit people to speak down to the Chinese now! Cultural imperialism can be as insulting as the old variety to those on the receiving end! (Roger Tidy, UK, March 22, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

Yes, Roger. I think the phrase I hear being bandied about in Washington is "public diplomacy". Someone more enlightened than I will have to explain to me the difference between that and "propaganda" --- Someone will have to also explain to me how the BBCWS has somehow emerged unaffected by the recent inquiry and the attendant political pressure placed on its "parent" and the entire corporation's newsgathering operations (John Figliozi, NY, ibid.)

Hello DXers, I haven't shown my face around here for a while!

Back in October, when I finished working in the English service of China Radio International, Mika asked me if I would like to share some stories of what it was like: Months late, here I am!

I've written an article on the subject for Short Wave Magazine, and it will be published in the April issue. If you have any questions about that, feel free to post them here.

I see there is a debate on the World of Radio about CRI at the moment, but I couldn't figure out how to take part!

I'll also post a few snippets of news and gossip from CRI since I left. Of course, all I know about really is programming in the English service. The programme makers don't get told much about the transmission or listener side of things.

Finally, remember I am a professional broadcaster first and SWL second: professionalism means there may be things you'd like to ask, but I am not in a position to talk about!

Some programming notes coming up tomorrow then! (Connor Walsh, Europe, March 21, dxing.info via DXLD)

As promised yesterday: Since the New Year, CRI English has started producing different versions of their feature programmes for domestic and international transmission (at least that's how I understand the division: there may be variations for different relays).

In the past, most features were made 24 minutes in length, with a 1 minute promo added to the international version, now that promo is gone and the producers need 1 minute more material.

This could mean programming much better targeted towards overseas listeners, without the constraints that come from also serving a domestic audience.

But in effect --- no new staff have been allocated to the features, indeed some have left, so there is no more time than before to produce a different programme. Maybe in the future that policy will be given space to succeed: actually actively serving the overseas listeners, rather than leaving them as secondary to The Message for domestic listeners.

Perhaps related, is the word that some features are being cut down to 15 minutes (including my old gig, Voices From Other Lands), to allow for new features.

I don't know any of the details about that, but my guess would be that it's for domestic consumption. People seemed pretty riled by the job Radio Beijing is doing on its foreign language channel, Radio 774. There is a lot of competition between the two, and if CRI have more, shorter programmes, similar to 774, then the Chinese (i.e. non-native speakers of English) listeners will be more likely to listen (Connor Walsh, Europe, March 21, dxing.info via DXLD)

**** CUBA. OPPOSITION CANDIDATE CLAIMS PROMISED AIRTIME**

Noticia via Marti Noticias

<http://www.martinoticias.com/ocbstory.asp?MediaID=24714>

Ante un inminente proceso electoral municipal en Cuba, el opositor Oswaldo Payá desafió al Gobierno y le pidió el jueves un espacio televisivo de 15 minutos para exponer sus opiniones.

Payá reaccionó a declaraciones del presidente de la Asamblea Nacional, Ricardo Alarcón, quien manifestó que los activistas contrarios al Gobierno sí pueden ser candidatos en los comicios.

En una declaración distribuida a la prensa extranjera, Payá aseguró que no se atreverían a permitirle 15 minutos en la televisión que paga todo el pueblo con su trabajo, aunque después hable seis horas cada uno de los representantes gubernamentales.

En Cuba todos los medios de comunicación pertenecen al Estado, y Payá recordó que las declaraciones de Alarcón no fueron publicadas en la isla, sino en el exterior.

El opositor cubano manifestó que sus compatriotas viven con miedo a perder privilegios o empleos si expresan sus opiniones, y conminó a Alarcón a que hable de manera tan clara que los ciudadanos se lo crean. Polémicos por su estructura los comicios en Cuba son criticados por Estados Unidos y otras naciones, mientras que a los disidentes se les impide propagar sus ideas (via Oscar de Céspedes, Estados Unidos, Conexión Digital March 19 via DXLD)

**** DJIBOUTI.** Con buena señal luego de su reactivación en 4780 kHz; todas las noches entra muy fuerte a eso de las 0311 UT y hasta entrada las 0400, para luego disiparse en el Éter. 73s y buen DX (Adán González, Catia La Mar, VENEZUELA Yaesu FT-890, Antena TH3MK3, March 22, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

4780, RTD, *0300-0344, Mar. 22, Vernacular, Big OC prior to *0300 WITH Horn of Africa music, OM with sign-on announcements but no ID noted. Call to prayer followed by lengthy talk by OM from 0307-0328. Nice HOA pop-like tune until ID at 0330. News/commentary with several mentions of "Kofi Annan". Music at 0343. Good at sign-on with increasing prop.

QRN as the hour progressed. Always a treat to log a new SW country
(Scott R. Barbour, Jr., Intervale, NH, R75, 200' Beverage antennas,
dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

4780 kHz. Yes, my log shows 4780 as well, Oct 1973 (Jerry Berg, MA,
DXplorer Mar 19 via BC-DX March 22 via DXLD)

But Jerry it was much nicer when it was 4 kW on 4780 kHz back in the
70's ... Nice, however, to allow others to hear a very nice DX country
(Dan Henderson, DXplorer Mar 19 via BC-DX March 22 via DXLD)

My QSL from Jan 1976 shows 4780 kHz. Nice to have them back on the
air! I remember when it was a tough DX catch at 4 kW (Larry Yamron,
USA, DXplorer Mar 19 via BC-DX March 22 via DXLD)

I have 4780 kHz in 1975 on my antiquated index card system and still
listed as Afars & Issas. The 1975 WRTH shows 4780 as well (John
Sgrulletta, USA, DXplorer Mar 19 via BC-DX March 22 via DXLD)

But I think they were only 1 kw earlier. The logging I remember would
be at dawn some time in 1960 or 1961 when I thought I was listening to
a wandering Noumea on a *very* strange morning indeed. The big
transmitter from northern Egypt on 818 was strangely weak and little 2
kw Aswan or Assuan on 1178 was S9 ... and then there was the ID from 1
kw Djibouti; 1538 KHz, pounding in solid for an hour or more. I never
heard them again, nor did I ever hear of them being logged again. I
was at our listening site on Lloyd Clayden's farm 25 miles North of
Auckland New Zealand attached to some very long bits of wire indeed
(Tony VE3NO ComputerViz, NYAA StarFest On-Line, DXplorer Mar 19 via
BC-DX March 22 via DXLD)

** ECUADOR [and non]. HCJB WORLD RADIO A05 BROADCAST SCHEDULE
(28 March 2005 - 30 October 2005)

UTC Begin	UTC End	Freq. (Khz.)	Pwr KW	AntAzi Degrees	Target Region	Days: SMTWTFS

COFAN						
1100	1130	6050	50	18/172	S.America	1111111
ENGLISH						
1100	1330	12005	1	330/124	N/S America	1111111
1100	1330	21455	1	35/225	Eur./S.Pacific	1111111
GERMAN (High)						
0230	0300	9785	100	324	Mexico	1111111
0500	0530	9780	100	42	Europe	1111111
0500	0530	21455	1	35/225	Eur./S.Pacific	1111111

2300	2400	12040	100	150	S.America	1111111
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GERMAN (Low)

0200	0230	9785	100	324	Mexico	1111111
0530	0600	9765	100	42	Europe	1111111
0530	0600	21455	1	35/225	Eur./S. Pacific	1111111
2230	2300	12040	100	150	S.America	1111111

HUARANI

1030	1100	6050	50	18/172	S.America	1111111
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PORTUGUESE

0800	0930	9745	100	100	N.Brazil	1111111
0800	0930	21455	1	35/225	Eur./S.Pacific	1111111
1530	1800	15295	100	139	Brazil	1111111
2300	0230	11920	100	126	Brazil	1111111
2300	2400	12020	50	100	Brazil	1111111
2400	0230	12020	100	100	Brazil	1111111

QUICHUA

0830	1000	6125	100	155	S.America	1111111
0800	1100	690	50	000/180	Ecuador	1111111
0830	1200	3220	8	90(V)	S.America	1111111
0830	1300	6080	8	90(V)	S.America	1111111
0930	1100	21455	1	35/225	Eur./S.Pacific	1111111
2100	0300	6080	8	90(V)	S.America	1111111
2130	2400	9745	100	155	S.America	1111111
0000	0300	3220	8	90(V)	S.America	1111111

SPANISH

0100	0500	9745	100	325	Mexico	1111111
1100	0500	690	50	000/180	Ecuador	1111111
1100	1500	6050	50	18/172	S.America	1111111
1100	1300	11960	100	355	Cuba	1111111
1100	1500	11760	100	150	S.America	1111111
1300	1500	9745	100	323	Mexico	1111111
1330	1500	21455	1	35/225	Eur./S. Pacific	1111111
1900	0500	6050	50	18/172	Ecuador	1111111
2000	0500	21455	1	35/225	Eur./S. Pacific	1111111
2100	2300	11710	100	150	S.America	1111111
2300	0100	11710	100	157/330	N/S America	1111111

Note: HCJB's shortwave broadcast schedule also includes these programs transmitted from these locations.

English

0000	0100	15525	100	340	East Asia	1111111	Australia
0100	0230	15560	100	307	South Asia	1111111	Australia

0230	0300	15560	100	307	South Asia	1_____	Australia
0700	1000	11750	50	120	South Pacific	11111111	Australia
1000	1300	15425	100	307	SE Asia	11111111	Australia
1230	1300	15405	100	307	SE Asia	11111111	Australia
1330	1400	15405	100	307	South Asia	1_____	Australia
1430	1600	15390	100	307	South Asia	11111111	Australia
2230	2400	15525	100	340	East Asia	1_____1	Australia

Bahasa Indonesian

1300	1330	15405	100	307	SE Asia	11111111	Australia
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Chinese (Mandarin)

2230	2400	15525	100	340	East Asia	_11111_	Australia
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Hindi

1400	1415	15405	100	307	South Asia	11111111	Australia
1415	1430	15405	100	307	South Asia	1_____	Australia

Punjabi

1415	1430	15405	100	307	South Asia	_1_____	Australia
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Nepali

1415	1430	15405	100	307	South Asia	__1_____	Australia
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Malayalam

1415	1430	15405	100	307	South Asia	___1___	Australia
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Chhattisgarhi

1415	1430	15405	100	307	South Asia	____1__	Australia
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Hmar

1415	1430	15405	100	307	South Asia	_____1_	Australia
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Meetei

1415	1430	15405	100	307	South Asia	_______1	Australia
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Urdu

0230	0300	15560	100	307	South Asia	_1111111	Australia
1330	1400	15405	100	307	South Asia	_1111111	Australia

Former Soviet Union Languages

1600	1630	11760	500	62	Russia & CIS	11111111	U.K.
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Southern Uzbek

1545	1600	1251	100		Russia & CIS	11___11	[secret site]
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Uzbek

1545	1600	1251	100		Russia & CIS	__111__	[secret site]
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Turkmen

1600 1615 1251 100 Russia & CIS 1111111 [secret site]

Arabic

2100 2230 12025 250 150 N. Africa 1111111 U.K.

Low German

1600 1630 3955 100 Omni W/C Europe 1111111 Germany

High German

1630 1700 3955 100 Omni W/C Europe 1111111 Germany

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** EQUATORIAL GUINEA. Radio Bata sintonizada el 21/03, a las 2155 UT, en los 5004.98 kHz, con SINPO 33232. Bob Marley "Is this love?"/ Bob Marley "No woman no cry"/ Locutor interrumpe la canci n / Especie de marcha o himno a las 2200 UT / S  al fuera del aire a las 2203.    mo es la pol tica QSL de esta estaci n?   Hay que enviar IRC? El pasado mes de julio envi  un informe a Radio Malabo y a n no he recibido respuesta (Ad n Gonz lez, Catia La Mar, VENEZUELA Yaesu FT-890, Antena TH3MK3, March 22, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

Latest entry at QIP: R. Nacional, 5003, PPC returned thanks to help of a Guinean friend. It arrived sealed and signed by "Director de la Direcci n T cnica". 16 weeks. A. Fern ndez Llorella-E HC-DX-ML Jul 02 (<http://www.schoechi.de/af-gne.html> via DXLD)

** GOA. Concerning the AIR Goa QSL I'm eagerly awaiting, I received a f/d card '2 postures of Buddha' from I. M. Sharma in addition to the f/d letter from New Delhi I received a month ago for the requested reports from AIR Bangalore. I *really* thought it was from AIR Goa when I first saw it. Keep up the great work, Glenn! (Terry Palmersheim, KC7LDP, Helena, MT, March 22, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** GREENLAND. Hallo, Zou dat GREENLAND op 3815 kHz USB (Kalaalit Nunaata Radio) kunnen zijn dat ik op dit ogenblik hoor 0910 UT. 73 (Hugo Matten, B-8630 Veurne, Belgium, QTH: 51 1' 56" N - 2 40' 36" E, RX: Kenwood R-5000, Sony ICF- 6700W, Grundig Satellit 500. ANT: Dipool 22,8 m + 9,2 m, T2FD 17 m, 25 m MLB lw, MG loop 1m x 1m en afgeschemde loop Wellbrook ALA - 1530 loop March 15, BDXC via DXLD)

Dat zou zeer goed kunnen, mede gezien de berichten van de afgelopen tijd in de A-DX-lijst. 73, (Jan van der Aa, *ibid.*)

Hugo, Dat station werd vorige week door Duitse DX ers gerapporteerd om ca 2150 UTC (s/off 2158). Enig idee w.b. de taal? Wat betreft propagatie moet het misschien 's morgens rond 0900 UTC nog gaan (pad ligt nog voor een deel in het donker, denk, ik). Ik heb 's avonds ook al geprobeerd, maar tot nu toe geen succes. Hou ons op de hoogte als je een ID mocht horen! Groeten, (Aart Rouw, B,hl, Duitsland, *ibid*)

Hugo, heeft ons een beetje op het verkeerde been gezet. Het moet 2100 UT zijn. Nu zit er plots veel kabaal of die frequentie. Een half uurtje geleden was dat nog niet zo. 73, (Guido Schotmans, Belgium, *ibid.*)

Jan en Aart, Bedank voor de reactie. Ik stemde af op die freq om 2101, dus net na s/on en heb het begin van de uitzending (2100) (en het ID ??) net niet gehoord. Beste ontvangst was van 2100 tot 2130 en rond 2200 UT. De uitzending was in USB en de S/off was om 2214 UT. (=Staat ook zo vermeld in het WRTH). Om 2130 hoorde ik gitaar muziek, ook nog mx tussen 2145 en 2200. De avond voordien heb ik daar niets kunnen horen tussen 2100 en 2200. Vanavond ben ik terug QRV. Wil je een opname (Een vanaf 21.05 en Een om 22.00 UTC telkens +- 1 min lang) dan stuur ik deze naar jullie persoonlijk. Laat gerust iets weten. 73 (Hugo Matten, B-8630 Veurne, Belgium, Mar 17, *ibid.*)

Jan en Aart, Wil je een opname (Een vanaf 2105 en Een om 2200 UT telkens +- 1 min lang) dan stuur ik deze naar jullie persoonlijk. Laat gerust iets weten. 73 (Hugo, *ibid.*)

Beste Hugo, Gezien je opnamen hebt, heb je misschien iets aan; <http://www.intervalsignals.net> En kies daarna voor "Icelandic". 73 (Jan van der Aa, *ibid.*)

** GUIANA FRENCH. Radio Japûn sale hasta tres minutos antes del fin habitual de emisiûn, desde los emisores de Guyana Francesa. En consecuencia, muchos de sus programas quedan cortados. A'n se necesitan ajustes en Cayena (Ad'n Gonz·lez, Catia La Mar, VENEZUELA Yaesu FT-890, Antena TH3MK3, March 22, DX LISTENING DIGEST) See UK

** HAWAII. Waimea, K234AN *94.7 has taken to the air through the generosity of the Earl & Doris Bakken Foundation. Prior to the installation of this translator, this part of the Big Island has been cut off by terrain from receiving public radio. Parker Ranch gave permission to set up the site for the translator. For more info on Hawaii Public Radio, there's a website, <http://hawaiipublicradio.org> Richard Wood in HI says Waimea is known to the postal service as

Kamuela, since there is a smaller Waimea on Kauai. ``Surprised [the translator] chose a channel with powerful KWXX Hilo. Waimea is in a valley surrounded by five mountains; KKUA *90.7 is audible there, but weak in most parts of town. KANO *91.1 Hilo is inaudible there.`` But KANO does cover almost all of west Hawaii, north Hawaii and coastal areas of east Hawaii (March FMedia! via DXLD)

** INDONESIA. The unID RRI Indonesian listed in Bruce Portzer's PAL (what a brilliant resource!) on 774 kHz is indeed active still and ID'ed as RRI Fak Fak. This was heard very nicely at Northern Territory sunset in Tennant Creek (not heard in Katherine due to Hot 100 on 765 kHz) around 1000 UT at very good levels, equal in strength to regular RRI Merauke on 810. ID'ed on March 4th and well heard during mid-March from Uluru, Erldunda and Coober Pedy. Only really looked at this once the following week during my local sunrise as I was busy chasing African/Middle East and Europe Trans-Indian MW DX. However on March 15 noted it around 2000 UT (sorry for vagueness of time, doing this from memory) and it was // 4790v. So it appears RRI Fak Fak is up and running nicely for now on 774. Get in quick though, remember when RRI Wamena on unlisted 1395 was really strong and noted regularly in Townsville last year from but I haven't heard a thing from them since before January this year. Again guys, I'll try and get the results of these DX trips out ASAP - Mount Isa business trip stuff should be out by next week. cheers (Craig Edwards, ex Townsville, Queensland, Australia now Adelaide, South Australia, Australia, ARDXC via DXLD)

** INTERNATIONAL VACUUM. CANADA: SATELLITE RADIO TO PROVIDE NATIONWIDE MULTICULTURAL PROGRAMMING | Text of press release from Toronto-based Canada NewsWire Group on 21 March

Toronto, 21 March: Canadian Satellite Radio (CSR) and EthnoWorks today announced a content distribution agreement for CSR's proposed Mosaic channel. Mosaic, the first-ever multicultural radio offering to be broadcast North America-wide, will showcase the diverse programming content of Canada's ethnic broadcasters.

"It is appropriate that Canada, one of the most culturally diverse countries in the world, is taking the lead in terms of providing dedicated multilingual content to the satellite radio audience," said Stephen Tapp, CSR president and COO.

"Our partnerships with a diverse array of top broadcasters add to Canada's growing reputation as a leader in the field of multicultural media," said Tapp. "Through agreements with Canada's leading broadcasters, Canadian Satellite Radio is positioning itself as the premier voice of our rich and deeply rooted multicultural communities. No matter where you are in Canada - or North America - you will remain connected with CSR."

Through a programming supplier agreement, EthnoWorks will coordinate multicultural programming via partnerships with radio stations, providing content in Mandarin, Cantonese, Portuguese, Italian, Spanish, Punjabi and South Asian languages such as Hindi, Urdu and Tamil, with other languages expected to be added as programming evolves.

"EthnoWorks applauds CSR for its unprecedented Mosaic channel, which is a pioneering initiative to share our profound heritage across the continent," said Roy Hennessy, EthnoWorks president. "We strongly believe that this is an unprecedented opportunity to have the excellent content of our ethnic broadcasters heard."

Under the agreement, CIRV Radio International will supply programming and marketing support to Mosaic channel in Portuguese, Chinese and Spanish. CIRV, based in Toronto, is an international award-winning radio station.

"We look forward to working with Canadian Satellite Radio on another breakthrough in broadcasting, CSR's Mosaic channel," said Frank Alvarez, president of CIRV Radio International. "Through this unique offering, CSR will provide the first-ever national and continental reach for Canada's multilingual broadcasters, delivering a full reflection of our diversity to a broad North American audience."

CSR, a Canadian-owned and operated company, has partnered with XM Satellite Radio Inc to bring satellite radio technology to Canada. While the Canadian Radio-television and Telecommunications Commission (CRTC) reviews CSR's November 2004 licence application, XM and CSR have stated that they are committed to working together to feature Canadian and global music content North America-wide in order to provide opportunities to ethnic communities, the independent music community and Canadian artists. CSR expects to make additional programming announcements with high-profile broadcasters in the near future.

About Ethnoworks: EthnoWorks, a division of Hennessy and Bray Communications, is a full service multicultural agency designed to identify and communicate with the different groups that form an increasing share of today's social mosaic. EthnoWorks is a sector leader and the only firm with extensive concurrent experience in both traditional broadcasting and the demands of ethnic broadcasting, including extensive experience in Cantonese, Mandarin, Italian, East Indian (Urdu, Punjabi, Hindi), German and Portuguese among others.

About Canadian Satellite Radio: Founded summer 2002, Canadian Satellite Radio was formed to provide subscription-based satellite

radio service to Canadians in both English and French. Canadian Satellite Radio is a Canadian-owned and controlled company in partnership with XM Satellite Radio of the United States, which currently offers more than 130 channels of music, news and entertainment programming to its subscribers for a monthly fee. Via two satellites in geostationary orbit, XM Satellite Radio provides unparalleled audio entertainment across the continent, in digital quality sound. Source: Canada NewsWire Group press release, Toronto, in English 21 Mar 05 (via BBCM via DXLD)

** ITALY. A-05 RAI Rome late changes

9555 1605 1625 29	ROM 100 52	Daily Russian	I RAI
9570 1400 1500 28E	ROM 100 52	Daily various	I RAI
9605 1245 1630 18S,27,28NW	ROM 100 330	Sun Italian	I RAI
9615 2000 2020 29	ROM 100 50	Daily Russian	I RAI
9675 1630 1700 37	ROM 100 235	Daily French	I RAI
9675 1700 1800 37,38	ROM 100 235	Daily Italian	I RAI
11700 1600 1625 29	ROM 100 50	Daily Russian	I RAI
11720 1500 1525 28S,37	ROM 100 235	Daily Italian	I RAI
11795 0600 0620 29	ROM 100 50	Daily Russian	I RAI
11805 2000 2020 29	ROM 100 50	Daily Russian	I RAI
11830 0345 0425 29	ROM 100 50	Daily Russian	I RAI
11875 2025 2045 39	ROM 100 120	Daily English	I RAI ++++++
11875 2050 2110 48,53	ROM 100 140	Daily Portuguese	I RAI
11890 1700 1800 37	ROM 100 235	Daily Italian	I RAI
11915 1245 1630 38,39	ROM 100 130	Sun Italian	I RAI
11915 1330 1355 38N,39N	ROM 100 130	Daily Arabic	I RAI
11915 1500 1525 38,39	ROM 100 130	Daily Italian	I RAI
11915 1630 1655 38,39	ROM 100 120	Daily Arabic	I RAI
15380 1830 1905 4,9	ROM 100 310	Daily Italian	I RAI
21515 1245 1630 12-15	ROM 100 240	Sun Italian	I RAI

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** ITALY [non?]. 15725? Ask IRRS. They claim to be transmitting from their site in Italy with up to 100 kW, but most have disputed this. The guess is Romania, as I recall. For whatever reason IRRS is tight lipped about transmitter location. Don't know why or what they have to hide. They're basically a transmission broker for the "little guy". (Walt Salmaniw, Canada, DXplorer Mar 20 via BC-DX March 22 via DXLD)

Last year around this time I was in Romania. I believe it is not IRRS who have to hide something, but rather the operator of the transmitter (Harald Kuhl, Germany, DXplorer Mar 20 via BC-DX March 22 via DXLD)

Two photos of the site can be found here (brokerage for European Gospel Radio): <http://www.radiopanam.com/europe.htm>

European Gospel Radio is the IRRS brand for religious retransmissions

<http://www.egradio.org> (Bernd Trutenau, Lithuania, DXplorer Mar 20 via BC-DX March 22 via DXLD)

This year I guess the IRRS guys use another [?Sofia Kostinbrod?] transmitter site instead, in a veiled manner, in order to protect the management before BUL Telcom privatisation will legalize this [deal] practice (Wolfgang B, schel, BC-DX March 22 via DXLD)

** LIBYA [non]. [rather France !] 15220, Voice of Africa. No data Green QSL/Reception report letter with a Archeological Sightseeing Brochure, in a larger envelope, which featured a set of four Libyan Stamps (block) It seems now, I would have to re-log another broadcast, then this report back with the details filled, and I suppose they would reply with a QSL card? Oh well. reply in 2 months (Edward Kusalik, Alberta, DXplorer Mar 12 via BC-DX March 22 via DXLD)

** MALI. A-05 CRI Bamako-MLI registrations:

7170 0830-0900 46	BKO 100	0 MLI CRI RTC
7170 2300-2400 46	BKO 100	0 MLI CRI RTC
11640 1730-1830 46	BKO 100	85 MLI CRI RTC
11640 1830-1930 47E,48NW	BKO 100	85 MLI CRI RTC
11640 1930-2000 52S,53W	BKO 100	111 MLI CRI RTC
11640 2000-2130 48,53	BKO 100	111 MLI CRI RTC
11975 2130-2230 37	BKO 100	20 MLI CRI RTC
11975 2230-2400 37,38W	BKO 100	20 MLI CRI RTC
13630 1930-2000 52,53	BKO 100	111 MLI CRI RTC
13630 2000-2130 48,53	BKO 100	111 MLI CRI RTC
13630 2130-2230 46,47,52	BKO 100	111 MLI CRI RTC
13670 1730-1830 46	BKO 100	111 MLI CRI RTC
13685 1300-1400 46	BKO 100	111 MLI CRI RTC
13685 1400-1600 48,53	BKO 100	111 MLI CRI RTC
13685 1830-1930 37,38	BKO 100	20 MLI CRI RTC
15125 1600-1700 47E,48NW	BKO 100	85 MLI CRI RTC
15125 1700-1730 48SW,53NW	BKO 100	111 MLI CRI RTC
15505 2230-2300 46-48	BKO 100	85 MLI CRI RTC
17630 1400-1600 47,48	BKO 100	85 MLI CRI RTC
17880 1300-1400 46,47,52	BKO 100	111 MLI CRI RTC
17880 1600-1700 37,38	BKO 100	20 MLI CRI RTC

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Remember when some NAM services were initially relayed from here? I guess they had suitable antennas then (gh, DXLD)

** MEXICO. Dentro de uno o dos meses, saldrá al aire XEYU, Radio UNAM, por 9600 kHz con 10 kW (AER <http://aer-dx.org> March 22 via DXLD)

So they are getting a new transmitter to reactivate, apparently (gh)

** MEXICO. Re April MT, DRM on R. Educaci n, 25620: Glenn, The 12 second fading periodicity is interesting as this is 10 times the duration of what is termed the multiplex superframe, which has a duration of 1.2 seconds. The superframe is made of of 3 frames of 400 ms duration. The symptoms you describe may be a function of applying energy dispersal algorithms to the data stream or it could also be a function of the audio being encoded. I am used to watching the DRM waveform on a spectrum analyser display so I have never experienced the phenomena you describe. I have seen the DRM spectrum become lopsided on many occasions before returning to the more familiar flat-top spectrum. Regards, (Kevin Ryan, <http://www.radioeng.co.uk> March 22, DX LISTENING DIGEST) Tnx; the first and only comment I have received about this (gh)

** NETHERLANDS [non]. When reading about the problem that RNW had in replacing 1512 (their use of 1179 will surely be much too late in the evening for most UK listeners, i.e. 2300 UT) I had considered that 1296 via Orfordness might be available to them, but the problem with it is that it beams away from the UK! I'm not sure if they would be allowed to use an omnidirectional antenna on that frequency due to their sharing with XL at Birmingham. And that station would surely give lots of co-channel QRM within parts of the UK. So it is now a frequency mainly for the Euro continent. I wonder if RTE would rent them either 567 or 252 ???! (Noel R. Green, UK, wwdxc BC-DX Mar 18 via DXLD)

** NEW ZEALAND. A-05 Tentatively DRM test schedule of RNZI:

7145 0700-1315	51,56,64S,65S	RAN 100 325 0105-301005	N ENG RNZ
7145 0700-1315	61S,62,63W	RAN 100 35 0105-301005	N ENG RNZ
7145 1300-1900	61S,62,63W	RAN 100 35 0105-301005	N Eng RNZ
7145 1300-1900	51,56,64S,65S	RAN 100 325 0105-301005	N Eng RNZ
9615 0445-0700	51,56,64S,65S	RAN 100 325 0105-301005	N Eng RNZ
9615 0445-0700	61S,62,63W	RAN 100 35 0105-301005	N Eng RNZ
9615 1845-2000	61S,62,63W	RAN 100 35 0105-301005	N Eng RNZ
9615 1845-2000	51,56,64S,65S	RAN 100 325 0105-301005	N Eng RNZ
11675 1945-2100	51,56,64S,65S	RAN 100 325 0105-301005	N ENG RNZ
11675 1945-2100	61S,62,63W	RAN 100 35 0105-301005	N ENG RNZ
13730 2045-0500	51,55E,56,64S,65S	RAN 100 325 0105-301005	N ENG RNZ
13730 2045-0500	61S,62,63W	RAN 100 35 0105-301005	N ENG RNZ

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AFAIK, the new DRM-capable transmitter is not ready yet; so this might start sometime later in the A-05 season until Octend. Notice they too insist on using in-band frequencies for DRM! Buzz, buzz (gh, DXLD)

** OKLAHOMA. New FM station granted: Guymon, 99.5, 100000 h,v; 127 m, Dott Deneui, Auction 37 winner (March FMedia! via DXLD) That would

compensate for the impending loss of KGYN 1210 from the market, but inconveniently adjacent to KNID-99.7 Alva/Enid (Glenn Hauser, Enid, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

Call letters assigned or changed: Stillwater *91.7 KOSU (ex-KOSU``-FM``) (March FMedia! via DXLD) One wonders about the significance of this. There was never a KOSU on AM somewhere else. Something to do with the burgeoning Oklahoma Public Radio Network with KOSU now relayed by KOSN 107.5 Ketchum? (Glenn Hauser, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** PAPUA NEW GUINEA. The fellow who sits right beside me at work here in Syracuse, Steve Henry, was a missionary in PNG and helped to start up Wantok Radio Light on FM. Due to health problems, had had to return stateside before the SW plans got going (Rich McVicar-USA, DXplorer Mar 14 via BC-DX March 22 via DXLD)

** POLAND. "NO GROUNDS" TO CHANGE STATUS OF RELIGIOUS RADIO - POLISH BROADCASTING AUTHORITY | Text of report by Polish news agency PAP

Warsaw, 22 March: In the present legal state of affairs, there is no basis on which to withdraw the status of social broadcaster from Radio Maryja, the National Radio and Television Broadcasting Council [KRRiT] acknowledged on Tuesday [22 March]. The KRRiT nonetheless drew the broadcaster's attention to the fact that it had the duty to adhere to the principles of journalistic ethics.

The KRRiT called on the owner of Radio Maryja's broadcasting concession, the Warsaw Province of the Redemptorist Order, to have the station adhere in its programmes to the principles of respect for human dignity, protection of the good names of individuals and also the right to conscientious information.

"In this respect, a social broadcaster has the duty to apply the standards of journalistic ethics that have their source in the Constitution of the Republic of Poland and also in the press law. It transpires from these that freedom of speech and freedom of the press are limited everywhere that human dignity and the right of citizens to verified information might be infringed," we read in the KRRiT standpoint that was sent to PAP. Source: PAP news agency, Warsaw, in Polish 1635 gmt 22 Mar 05 (via BBCM via DXLD)

** SAO TOME. Glenn, In regards to DXLD #5-050, Wayne Bastow said he'd received a QSL from the VOA for their 4930 kHz Botswana Relay but listed it as S,,o Tom ; which is on 4960 kHz. I received a QSL today for a February 26th report for the S,,o Tom  site correctly on 4960. I also sent a report in the same envelope for Botswana on 4930 kHz but, nothing. Same v/s. However, above the written in (correct) UTC time, in parentheses, the v/s wrote in 0433-0453; one hour later. Also

received a nice VOA Program Guide, 2005 Wall Calendar, pen and fridge magnet. It's *fun* writing to the VOA! (Terry Palmersheim, KC7LDP, Helena, MT, March 22, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** SINGAPORE. A-05 RSI Kranji registrations:

6000	2300-1600	54NW	KRA	250	320	Chinese	SNG	MCR	MCT
6080	1100-1400	49W,54	KRA	250	0	English	SNG	RSI	MCT
6120	0900-1400	49W,54	KRA	250	0	Malay/Indo	SNG	RSI	MCT
6150	2300-1600	54NW	KRA	250	320	English	SNG	MCR	MCT
6185	1100-1400	49W,54	KRA	250	0	Chinese	SNG	RSI	MCT
7150	2300-1600	54NW	KRA	250	320		SNG	MCR	MCT
7170	2300-1600	54NW	KRA	100	320	Tamil	SNG	MCR	MCT
7235	2300-1600	54NW	KRA	250	320	Malay/Indo	SNG	MCR	MCT
9625	0900-1400	49W,54	KRA	250	0		SNG	RSI	MCT

(March 9) (via BC-DX March 22 via DXLD)

** SINGAPORE. ¿Singapur?: los pasados 20 y 21/03, he sintonizado en los 6150 kHz y siempre luego de las 2300 UT, una estación en inglés autodenominada "Newsradio 98", con menciones persistentes de Singapur y locutores con un acento muy marcado. Parece la retransmisión de una estación local de FM. SINPO 32432. ¿Se trata de Radio Singapur? Todo va bien hasta que a las 0000 entra en escena la religiosa estadounidense en el mismo canal [TIRWR]. En caso de que se trate de Singapur, estimado Glenn, ¿podrías enviarme la dirección postal? La identificación de la estación es la siguiente: "This is Newsradio 98, a station of Mediacorp Radio (...)" (Ad-n Gonz-lez, Catia La Mar, VENEZUELA Yaesu FT-890, Antena TH3MK3, March 22, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

Certainly no doubt it is Singapore, as scheduled; Mediacorp Radio Singapore Pte. Ltd., Caldecott Broadcast Centre, Andrew Road, Singapore 299939 (gh, DXLD)

** SLOVAKIA. RSI A-05 SPANISH:

0230-0300	
América del Sur	11990 25
América del Sur	9440 31
1430-1500	
Europa Occidental	9440 31
Europa Occidental	11600 25
2000-2030	
Europa Occidental	6055 49
América del Sur	11650 25

Radio Slovakia International, Mytna 1, P.O. Box 55, 817 55 Bratislava 15, Slovakia (via José Miguel Romero2, Spain, Noticias DX via DXLD)

** SOMALIA [non]. Radio Horyaal heard on 12140 March 22nd, tones already at 1720 tune in. It opened at 1730 with a tune familiar to UK

Channel 4 viewers, it is used on the quiz Countdown as background whilst two contestants try to get as many words as possible from a selection of letters. Details of schedule and website followed, short Qur'an chant and then talks in presumed Somali and music. Ended 1758 without apparent announcement. Voice of Russia came on at 1800, I did not notice a transmitter break (Mike Barraclough, Letchworth Garden City, UK, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

12140, (Presumed) R. Horyaal, *1730-1743, Mar. 21, Vernacular, whisper-quiet OM and YL at sign-on, Kor'an-like chanting followed by talks over and between Horn of Africa musical bits. Poor with occasional peaks over ute QRM (Scott R. Barbour, Jr., Intervale, NH, R75, 200' Beverage antennas, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

**** SOUTH AFRICA. SENTECH A05**

Time UTC	kHz	kW	Target Area	Language
CHANNEL AFRICA				
0300-0355	6120	250	East & Central Africa	Swahili
0300-0355	6160	500	East & Central Africa	English
0300-0500	3345	100	Southern Africa	English
0400-0455	7390	500	Central Africa	French
0500-0555	9685	500	West Africa	English
0500-0800	7240	100	Southern Africa	English
0600-0655	15440	250	Far West Africa	English
0800-0900	11825	100	Southern Africa	Nyanja
0900-1000	11825	100	Southern Africa	Lozi
1000-1200	11825	100	Southern Africa	English
1200-1300	11825	100	Southern Africa	Nyanja
1300-1400	11825	100	Southern Africa	Lozi
1400-1600	11825	100	Southern Africa	English
1500-1555	17770	500	East & Central Africa	English
1500-1555	17780	250	East & Central Africa	Swahili
1600-1655	15235	500	West Africa	French
1700-1755	15235	500	West Africa	English
1900-2000	3345	100	Southern Africa	Portuguese
2000-2200	3345	100	Southern Africa	English

RADIO SONDER GREENSE

0530-0800	7185	100	Northern Cape, RSA	Afrikaans
0800-1600	9650	100	Northern Cape, RSA	Afrikaans
1600-0530	3320	100	Northern Cape, RSA	Afrikaans

SOUTH AFRICAN RADIO LEAGUE

0800-0900*	7205	100	Southern Africa	English
0800-0900*	17810	250	East & Central Africa	English
1900-2000**	3215	100	Southern Africa	English
			* Sunday	** Monday

BBC

0300-0330	6050	500	East & Central Africa	Swahili
0300-0400	7120	500	West Africa	English
0300-0600	3255	100	Southern Africa	English
0300-0600	6190	100	Southern Africa	English
0400-0430	9840	250	East Africa	Swahili
0400-0500	7120	250	West Africa	English
0430-0500	3390	100	S. Mozambique	Portuguese
0430-0500	6135	250	N. Mozambique	Portuguese
0430-0500	7205	500	Angola	Portuguese
0500-0700	11765	250	West Africa	English
0530-0600	15400	250	East & Central Africa	Kirundi **
0600-1600	6190	100	Southern Africa	English
0600-1600	11940	100	Southern Africa	English
0700-0730	17695	500	Central Africa	French
1500-1530	11690	500	East & Central Africa	English
1530-1615	11690	500	East & Central Africa	Swahili **
1530-1700	11690	500	East & Central Africa	Swahili/Kirundi*
1600-2200	3255	100	Southern Africa	English
1600-2200	6190	100	Southern Africa	English
1615-1700	11690	500	East & Central Africa	English **
1700-1900	11945	250	East & Central Africa	English
1730-1745	3390	100	Southern Africa	English teaching
1730-1745	7230	500	East & Central Africa	English teaching
1730-1745	9525	500	Angola & West Africa	English teaching
1745-1800	7230	500	East & Central Africa	Swahili
1800-1830	7230	250	Indian Ocean Isles	French
2030-2100	3390	100	S. Mozambique	Portuguese
2030-2100	6135	250	N. Mozambique	Portuguese
2030-2100	7205	500	Angola	Portuguese
			* Monday to Friday	** Saturday and Sunday

FAMILY RADIO

1900-2100	3230	100	Southern Africa	English
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UNITED NATIONS RADIO

1700-1715	7150	100	Madagascar	French *
1700-1715	11735	500	Central Africa	French *
1730-1745	7150	100	Southern Africa	English *
			* Monday to Friday	

TRANS WORLD RADIO

0330-0345	7215	250	Ethiopia	34	Sidamo
0330-0345	7215	250	Ethiopia	12 567	Amharic
0345-0357	7215	250	Ethiopia	7	Oromo
0600-0645	11640	500	Nigeria	12345	English
0600-0615	11640	500	Nigeria	67	English
1600-1630	9675	250	Burundi	1234567	Kirundi
1625-1655	9660	500	Somalia	1234567	Somali
1645-1700	9930	250	Ethiopia	12 7	Oromo/Borana
1645-1700	9930	250	Ethiopia	34	Kambaata
1645-1700	9930	250	Ethiopia	56	Hadiya
1657-1712	9660	500	Southern Sudan	23456	Juba
1657-1727	9660	500	Southern Sudan	1 7	Juba
1700-1715	9930	250	Ethiopia	7	Amharic
1700-1730	9930	250	Ethiopia	123456	Amharic
1703-1718	7265	250	Mozambique	1234567	Sena
1715-1745	9930	250	Ethiopia	7	Oromo
1718-1733	7265	250	Mozambique	1234567	Yao
1730-1800	9930	250	Ethiopia	12345	Oromo
1730-1800	9930	250	Ethiopia	6	Amharic
1733-1748	7265	250	Mozambique	2 5 7	Yao
1745-1800	9930	250	Ethiopia	7	Amharic
1755-1825	9620	500	Mali, S. Niger	12345	Pulaar
1755-1825	9620	500	Mali, S. Niger	67	French
1810-1840	9720	250	Ivory Coast	1234567	Bambara
1830-1900	9510	500	Sahel	1234567	Fulfulde
1830-1900	9695	500	Nigeria	1234567	Hausa
1840-1910	9720	250	Burkina Faso	5	Songhai
1840-1925	9720	250	Ivory Coast	1234 67	French
1900-1930	9510	500	Nigeria	1234567	Yoruba
1900-1915	9695	500	Nigeria	1234567	Kanuri
1910-1925	9720	250	Mali	5	Moore
1925-1940	9720	250	Burkina Faso	6	Songhai
1925-1940	9720	250	Burkina Faso	12345	Moore
1930-1945	9510	500	Ghana	67	Ewe
1945-2000	9510	500	Nigeria	6	Igbo
1945-2015	9510	500	Nigeria	7	Igbo

Day 1 = Monday, Day 2 = Tuesday ...

FEBA RADIO

1500-1545	12125	250	Sudan	Nuer/Dinka
1545-1600	12125	250	Mozambique/Tanzania	Makonde
1600-1700	12125	250	Ethiopia	Amharic

RADIO FRANCE INTERNATIONAL

0300-0400	5925	250	Central & East Africa	French
0700-0800	15170	250	Central & West Africa	French
1100-1200	17850	250	Central Africa	French
1200-1400	17850	250	Central & West Africa	French
1230-1300	21760	250	Central & West Africa	French
1600-1700	15160	250	Central & West Africa	English
1600-1700	7170	100	Southern Africa	English
1900-2200	7160	250	Central Africa	French

ADVENTIST WORLD RADIO

1700-1730	9595	250	East Africa	Swahili
1730-1800	9595	250	East Africa	Masai
1800-1830	3215	100	Botswana, Namibia	English
1800-1830	3345	100	Zimbabwe, Zambia	English
1800-1900	9590	250	East Africa	English
2000-2030	9820	250	Congo, Gabon	French
2000-2030	6100	500	Central Africa	French
2000-2100	7175	250	Central Africa	English
2030-2100	6100	250	Nigeria	Yoruba

CHINA RADIO INTERNATIONAL

1500-1800	6100	100	Southern Africa	English
1800-1900	6100	100	Southern Africa	Chinese

HIRONDELLE FOUNDATION

0400-0600	11690	500	DR Congo	French
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(Kathy Otto, Broadcast Planning, Sentech Ltd via Alokesh Gupta, New Delhi, dxldyg via DXLD)

The above schedule presumably omits certain sensitive services, such as SW Radio Africa, V. of Biafra International, believed to come via SENTECH; or maybe they won't be needing these relays A-05? (gh, DXLD)

** SUDAN. Sintonizada Sud·n en los 7199.97 kHz, el 22/03, a las 0414 UT. SINPO 35443. Locutor en lengua ·rabe; menciones recurrentes de "Sud·n" y "Arabiya". Interferencia de la VOA en turco, a las 0430. ¿Existió alguna vez la HFCC en este caso? (Ad·n Gonz·lez, Catia La Mar, VENEZUELA Yaesu FT-890, Antena TH3MK3, March 22, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

HFCC B-04 has both Sudan and IBB via Greece listed at this hour:

7200	0300	0400	40	KAV	250	105	1234567	311004	260305	D
							Persian	GRC	IBB	IBB 4255

7200 0430 0500 39N KAV 250 105 23456 311004 260305 D
Turkish GRC IBB IBB 4256
7200 0300 0830 38S,46E,47,48 ALF 100 0 1234567 311004 270305 D
SDN SBC SBC 6973 1 OLD-A04
7200 1100 2200 38S,46E,47,48 ALF 100 0 1234567 311004 270305 D
SDN SBC SBC 6974 1 OLD-A04
(via gh, DXLD)

★★ SWITZERLAND. SWISSINFO ONLINE SERVICE TO BE CUT TO BONE
swissinfo March 22, 2005 4:51 PM
<http://www.swissinfo.org/sen/swissinfo.html?siteSect=107&sid=5619527>

Armin Walpin (left) and Jean-Bernard Münch explain their plans
(swissinfo) [caption]

The Swiss Broadcasting Corporation (SBC) says it will axe up to 80 jobs and eight language services at swissinfo, leaving only a reduced English department.

The corporation's board said on Tuesday that it was acting in response to the government's decision to end funding for swissinfo. The cuts should result in annual savings of SFr16 million (\$13.6 million) a year.

The Council of the Swiss Abroad – the organisation representing the interests of more than 600,000 Swiss living abroad – condemned the move, which comes one year after a previous round of restructuring.

swissinfo's 120 employees were informed about the decision at a meeting with SBC President Jean-Bernard Münch, SBC Director General Armin Walpen and swissinfo Director Beat Witschi in Bern on Tuesday.

The restructuring is expected to result in between 70 and 80 job losses. Most of the remaining posts will consist of IT and web development staff.

The employees' union, SSM, said it would fight the plans, which are expected to be implemented by the end of 2006 at the latest.

The Bern-based news and information platform was launched in 1999 as the internet arm of Swiss Radio International. It is available in nine languages: English, German, French, Italian, Arabic, Spanish, Portuguese, Chinese and Japanese.

Reduced service

The English service is the only one to be retained, although it will be reduced in size. The SBC's president and director were not able to

say when the other language services would be cut.

Internet services in the national languages – German, French and Italian – will continue to be produced by SBC's regional units.

The SBC said it would try to reassign as many staff as possible to other parts of its operations, and that workers facing redundancy would be offered a "good social plan".

swissinfo/Swiss Radio International cut 26 jobs last year after losing its government subsidy. On October 30 radio broadcasts were ended, allowing swissinfo to concentrate exclusively on internet journalism.

The Council of the Swiss Abroad said it was "unacceptable" to dismantle swissinfo before a planned new radio and television law had come into force. It said swissinfo must be guaranteed sufficient resources to secure its future.

The SSM said that if the plans were implemented it would mean the end of Swiss Radio International and its successor, swissinfo. Although the SBC and parliament recognised the value of swissinfo as the "voice of Switzerland abroad", nobody wanted to pay for this public service, the union said.

Swiss Radio International was founded in 1934, and broadcast round the world on shortwave – and later also satellite – for 70 years.

+ Virtually identical story at:
<http://www.nzz.ch/2005/03/22/eng/article5619527.html>
(via Artie Bigley, DXLD)

** SWITZERLAND. As several of us know who were in attendance recently at the Fest in Kulpsville, PA, one of the novel presentations was an interesting discussion of the last days of SRI and RCI by Bob Zanotti and Ian McFarland. Several of us took the opportunity to sample some tuning oil with Zanotti during the Fest. I have known Bob for a long time, and he once gave me an interesting guided tour of the SRI studios in Bern, prior to the time when the transmitters were all shut down. Bob had recorded a feature program for the last broadcast from the Schwarzenberg transmitter. While I was there in Bern, Bob pulled that story up on his computer, and I heard it once again. The last time that I heard it was live on 9580, if I recall.

While Bob and I were gulping down the tuning oil in Kulpsville, he informed me that he is still doing freelance feature radio reporting on Switzerland, in the same style that he used to use on SRI with the Two Bobs. No SWBC station is currently carrying Bob's features. But, he does post them up on a web site, where you can download the stories

as .mpg files. He is anxious to spread the word that this web site exists. I told him that I would do so, and this posting is just one means that I am using to spread the word for Bob. The URL of Bob's "Switzerland in Sound" web site is: <http://www.switzerlandinsound.com> (George Zeller, OH, DXplorer Mar 20 via BC-DX March 22 via DXLD)

** TAIWAN [and non]. 15250 Fu Hsing: FE signals on the high frequencies were very good this morning, so I decided to camp on 15250 and check it out from a little before 1300. There was a Chinese language station there which closed at 1300 UT, just as VOA in Korean started up. There were four pips at 1300, I'm not sure from whom. The VOA stayed on until 1358, when it went off abruptly, leaving the frequency clear. A half-minute later a carrier came on, better than the signal level of VOA up to that point, and at 1400 that turned out to be VOA Korean again. Toward 1500 I could hear the Chinese siren jamming on 15250, but it was way in the background. VOA went off at 1458, leaving just the siren. Something came on 15250 at 1500, but it was much too weak to do anything with. That's the 15250 situation here on ECNA. No Fu Hsing at these times (Jerry Berg, MA, DXplorer Mar 16 via BC-DX March 22 via DXLD)

** TRINIDAD. FEMALE RUN RADIO STATION LAUNCHED IN TRINIDAD

Female-run station hopes to be No. 1 with women ---

A new radio station was launched in Trinidad by women and for women.

By SATEESH MAHARAJ, Trinidad Express

<http://www.miami.com/mld/miamiherald/11189421.htm>

PORT-OF-SPAIN, Trinidad - ''We're not chicks spinning records and CDs,'' Kiran Maharaj said. ``We are all women of substance who have a vision and a desire to do something meaningful for others out there.''

Maharaj is the marketing consultant at this country's sole woman-oriented radio station, Heartbeat 103.5 FM. She makes the point that even though the entity is female run and mostly female staffed, they are not bashing or repelling men.

''We're not saying no to men. When men listen, they might be able to understand a little bit more about women,'' she said. ``There's always this stigma attached that we're a mystery. We just need to be listened to a little more.''

The station was officially launched Friday. Maharaj had the idea four years ago and decided to act when she realized that even though locals had access to Lifetime television and various woman-themed websites, there was no radio station that catered specifically to their needs.

Family friend and promoter Vishnu Maharaj obtained a broadcast license and offered to assist Kiran with the venture.

'My mother is one of nine sisters. I am one of three sisters. I know all the issues. I know the things that my family went through. It all came from being me. The vision was to connect with women everywhere by tapping into their emotional and intellectual need; letting them know that we understand who they are and want to try helping you be the best you can be,' she said.

TALK-SHOW HOST

Lisa Sarjeant hosts Matters of the Heart, which airs from 9 a.m. to noon. She has some on-air experience but says her introduction to broadcasting happened totally by accident.

'It was a fluke,' she said. 'I had no intention of becoming a radio announcer. I went out with some friends and one asked me if I wanted to become a radio announcer. I really was not interested. I was an artist at that time. I was also working part time at the bank.

'I got really frustrated one day and asked if the (job) was still available. I was young, 25, and didn't have any children or anything to deal with. Now I am nearing 37, stuck to it and I really like it.'

Her first talk show dealt with issues other than politics and often took a slant toward women.

'I talk about things I like doing as a woman. I am a mother. It doesn't come with a handbook. Many times we have parenting tips, eating tips. I share inspirational thoughts.'

Sarjeant said she knew she wanted to be at Heartbeat 103.5 after she heard about the station. 'The term 'radio for women' was my attraction to the station. I decided to become part of Heartbeat because I knew that their focus was something that I worked hard for over the past 11 years in the media,' she said. 'I understood the need for it.'

A mother of a 3-year-old girl, Sarjeant says more needs to be done to provide women with helpful information.

REACHING WOMEN

'We assume that women know what to do (in certain circumstances), like going to a gynecologist. From doing the show, you realize they really aren't aware,' she said.

'I feel very strongly that women's matters be brought to the forefront. A lot is being done, but we can do more. The vision I see is that (through this station) all women are reached, regardless of

religion, race or situation.'' (via GRC list via Leigh Robartes, ID, DXLD)

** U K. 1296 kHz: The planned DRM schedule for the summer period is 1600-1915 and 2115-2400 UT. AM broadcasting is planned for 1930-2100 UT (VT-Comm via Andreas Volk-D, ADDX Mar via BC-DX March 22 via DXLD)
See also NETHERLANDS [non]

** U K [and non]. Some incomplete transmitter site info for BBCWS A-05, what's left for the Americas:

1000-1100	6195	MontsinÉry	295
1100-1300	11865	MontsinÉry	295
1200-1300	15190	Ascension	245
1300-1400	15190	MontsinÉry	295
2100-2200	15390	MontsinÉry	295
2200-0100	5975	MontsinÉry	295
0200-0300	5975	MontsinÉry	255
0200-0300	9825	Ascension	245
0200-0300	12095	Skelton	230
0300-0400	5975	Delano	121

The 295 degree beams from Guiana French should be most advantageous for us, if they can keep them on the air, cutting across Mexico from Cozumel to SLP to La Paz, where, as everyone knows, there are a lot more English-speaking BBC WS listeners than in the USA (Glenn Hauser, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

Looks like these are now posted - go to
<http://www.bbc.co.uk/worldservice/schedules/frequencies/index.shtml>
I should add that the BBC is somewhat circumspect -- what is shown as "USA" is WYFR / Okeechobee. While "BO" is keyed as Caribbean, that is the RNW Bonaire site (Richard Cuff, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

[Later:] I believe that's correct, Glenn [5975 0300-0400 Delano] despite what I just said to David Ross. I checked my notes a second time (Richard Cuff, ibid.)

So from the charts, this is what the Western Hemisphere gets:

To Caribbean/Central America/Mexico u.o.s.

1000-1100	6195	GU
1100-1200	11865	GU (with Caribbean alt 1100-1130 M-F)
1200-1300	11865	BO (with Caribbean alt 1200-1230 M-F)
1200-1300	9605	GU [last we heard this was to be WYFR --- gh]
1200-1300	15190	BO to SAm
1300-1400	15190	GU
2100-2200	15390	GU (with Caribbean alt 2100-2130 M-F; ex 2115-2130???)

2100-2200 11675 BO (with Caribbean alt 2100-2130 M-F) (M-F only)
2130-2145 11720 G (Falkland Service Tue & Fri only)
2200-0100 5975 GU
0200-0300 12095 G to SAm
0200-0300 9825 AS to Sam
0200-0300 5975 GU to SAm
0300-0400 5975 U [unspecified, presumably Delano]
AS = Ascension, BO = Bonaire, G = UK, GU = Guiana French, U = USA
(Glenn Hauser, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

Perhaps I've missed something in the recent discussion, but will someone please explain why the BBCWS has dropped transmissions from Antigua to the Americas, in favour of Ascension and the leasing of time from RFI? 73, (Peter Bowen, March 22, swprograms via DXLD)

They & DW decided to mothball Antigua. It is apparently lower in cost to shut Antigua down and rent transmitter time from Montserrat and Bonaire as needed, especially as fewer transmitter-hours are deemed necessary. Europe also loses all its midday shortwave services as well; they may have to rely on services targeting Africa, as well (Richard Cuff / Allentown, PA, *ibid.*)

** U K. BBC RADIO 3 - BETWEEN THE EARS --- This unusual programme on Saturday promises to be well worth a listen. Here's what I said about it in the Sunday Times yesterday.

Si hunc libellum latine scriberem, quot lectores intellegent? Which is how Vatican Radio or Finnish Radio in its Friday-night news bulletin might put it. If this document were written in Latin, how many readers would understand? Very few, I am sure. But nil desperandum! Radio 3, home of classical music, is now doing its bit to re-house classical studies.

On Saturday, at 10.40 pm [2240 UT March 26], it will broadcast 20 minutes with all the speech in Latin - extracts from Pliny's Natural History, from dolphins and frogs to elephants, vultures, owls and cuckoos. The only translation for listeners will be specially composed and appropriately timed music (wet fingers on glass to accompany the description of whales, an Indian banjo for the crabs, and so on), juxtaposed with animal recordings from the BBC's Natural History Unit. There will be no English in the programme at all: for that, and more information about the author who died observing the eruption of Vesuvius in 79 AD, you need to visit the website of the weekly series Between the Ears. As far as I can tell, this is, apart from language lessons, the first national radio programme based on speech that contains not a word of English. It is a tribute to Radio 3's imagination and the persistence of its producer, Kate McAll. When she first proposed it, she got a rejection note back from her bosses that

read: "Wonderful, mad, expensive. No."

Dr Peter Jones of Newcastle University, the Spectator columnist and probably Britain's best-known classicist, advised the two actors we shall hear on the correct Latin pronunciation. "I do think radio has a responsibility to produce slightly potty ideas to see how they run", he says, "and to engage in occasional experiments which television, dominated by visuals, tends to resile [sic] from."

"In this particular programme, the listener is encouraged to make a connection between Latin and English partly through onomatopoeic music and partly the choice of the Latin. Pliny's 'maximum est elephans', for example, you might realise means 'the elephant is the biggest creature'. These are connections that even the most illatinate can get."

Professor Brian Sparkes, a retired archaeologist and now president of the Classical Association, also approves. "I expect some listeners will say 'what's this funny language we're listening to?' And I wonder how much help Radio Times will give it. But there's more Latin around than you might think. It has been reintroduced into several primary schools and about 3,000 people are studying Latin or Roman civilization with the Open University. But the way it is taught has changed, with less emphasis on declining verbs and more emphasis on actually speaking it. It's taught as a language that can be spoken. So radio, where obviously you can hear it spoken, has a real role to play."

Astonishingly detailed descriptions of bees, cuttlefish and nightingales made nearly 2,000 years ago; clips from the world's biggest wildlife archive; original music with conch and drum and many other instruments. If ever a programme cried out for a daytime repeat, this is it. But Roger Wright, imperator of Radio 3, will probably agree to that only if enough people ask him. Carpe diem (Paul Donovan, ukradiolisteners yahoo group, via Mike Barraclough, dxldyg via DXLD)

** U S A [non]. Summer A-05 for IBB via KUWAIT 250 kW / 070 degrees:
0230-0330 12140 15615 RFA Pashto 1430-1500 12140 15090 VOA Pashto
0330-0430 15615 17670 RFA Dari 1500-1530 12140 15090 VOA Dari
0430-0530 15615 17670 RFA Pashto 1530-1630 12140 15090 VOA Pashto
0530-0630 15615 17670 RF₂ Dari 1630-1730 12140 15090 VOA Dari
0630-0730 15615 RF₂ Pashto 1730-1800 12140 15090 VOA Pashto
0730-0830 15615 RF₂ Dari 1800-1830 12140 15090 VOA Dari
0830-0930 15615 RFA Pashto 1830-1930 12140 VOA Pashto
0930-1030 15090 RF₂ Dari 1930-2030 12140 VOA Dari
1030-1130 15090 RF₂ Pashto 2030-2230 12140 VOA English
1130-1230 15090 RF₂ Dari 2230-0030 12140 VOA English
1230-1330 15090 17600 RF₂ Pashto 0030-0130 12140 VOA Pashto

1330-1430 15090 17600 RF; Dari 0130-0230 12140 VOA Dari
RFA=Radio Free Afghanistan VOA=Voice of America
(Observer, Bulgaria, March 22, via DXLD)

15090??? Can't recall IBB invading OR aeronautical band before; just
wanted to cozy up to Iran 15085? (Glenn Hauser, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** U S A [non]. Summer A-05 for IBB via JBR [HUNGARY] 250 kW:
0200-0300 on 9520 / 065 deg Radio Liberty in Russian
0300-0400 on 9815 / 055 deg Radio Liberty in Russian
0400-0500 on 7175 / 055 deg Radio Liberty in Russian
1600-1700 on 11885 / 075 deg Radio Liberty in Uzbek
(Observer, Bulgaria, March 22, via DXLD)

** U S A. Infinity and Family Stations are working out a combination
purchase and swap involving KFRC and KEAR (FM). KFRC 610 is initially
being sold to Family Stations, Inc. for \$35 million. Still expected is
an outright purchase or part cash and part swap involving KEAR *106.9
to Infinity. Being sold by Harold Camping, the elderly founder of
Family Stations, Inc. It would relegate Family Stations' San Francisco
outlet to 610 AM plus perhaps another \$60 million. Infinity would own
KEAR, a commercial-band Class B that once operated at 97.3, which is
now KLLC. Lost in the process would be KEAR's lucrative 92 kHz Korean
SCService. If the swap takes place, most of Harold's CA FM translators
would probably change their primaries to another station, such as
Family Radio's KEFR *88.9 Le Grand CA (March FMedia! via DXLD)

Camping got a BS in 1942, which would typically make him born around
1921; a 2002 article referred to him as an octogenarian (gh, DXLD)

** U S A [non]. The following will be the shortwave schedule for
Family Stations, Inc. aired from Taiwan 27 March to 30 October 2005.

Language	(UTC)	kHz	Target
English	0100-0200	15060	S. Asia
	1300-1500	11560	S. Asia
	1500-1700	6280	S. Asia
Hindi	0000-0100	15060	S. Asia
	1500-1600	11560	S. Asia
Indonesian	1200-1300	11520	Indonesia
	1400-1500	11520	Indonesia
Korean	1000-1100	7130	Korea
Mandarin &	1102-1602	7250	E. Asia
Cantonese	1102-1602	9280	E. Asia
	2100-0000	7250	E. Asia
	2100-0000	9280	E. Asia
Russian	1500-1700	9955	Eu/Siberia

(Evelyn Marcy, WYFR, March 21, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** U S A. FL, Flagler Beach, WFB0-LP *93.3 o, ``The Blizzard``. The FCC proposes to fine it \$10,000 because of several violations, including running too much power. It was running 450 watts when the FCC visited, instead of just 27 watts, and was using an exciter and transmitter not type-accepted, and the EAS equipment wasn't working properly. Plus the transmitter and antenna were 2.4 km away from its licensed co^rdinates. Licensee Halifax Christian Community Church says it used the uncertified transmitter to get on the air before the construxion permit expired. The FCC proposed a \$21,000 fine, but reduced it because of licensee's inability to pay.

FL, Clermont, WQQZ *88.7 hit with a \$10,000 fine by the FCC for broadcasting two underwriting announcements that were ``over the line``. Action was against station owner Hispanic Broadcasting Corp. (now Univisi n Radio). The forbidden ads ran 288 times. One of the announcements last June was for ``Multi-Channel Marketing.`` The Spanish announcement extolled the virtues of the Dish Network. The other ad was for the weekly ``Fiesta en Old Town`` event. The station claimed it was a non-profit event, but the FCC disagreed, and warned, ``We will not hesitate to take even stronger enforcement action against noncommercial educational licensees that engage in similarly serious violations of our underwriting requirements.`` The FCC urges stations to distinguish between announcements that identify an underwriter, which is allowed, and those that promote an underwriter, which is not allowed (March FMedia! via DXLD)

?? I thought HBC/Univisi n were totally commercial enterprises, so what are they doing in the non-commercial band, anyway? (gh, DXLD)

** U S A. SCS Services: NY, New York, WCBS-FM-2 has described video for the blind, the first CBStation known to have such a feature ``The Sound quality is beautiful!`` (March FMedia! via DXLD) Why ``FM`` -- isn't this on a TV channel two SAP? (gh, DXLD)

** U S A. SPRINGER TO AIR AMERICA --- By JOHN MAINELLI --- RADIO
<http://www.nypost.com/entertainment/42919.htm>

JERRY Springer is trying to hook up with the all-liberal Air America network   meaning his new radio talk show could soon be heard in New York. "Obviously, I would love to be in New York   that's where I grew up," said Springer, 60, who was born in London and raised in Kew Gardens, Queens. "Hopefully, something will be worked out in the next couple weeks," Springer told The Post late yesterday. The trash-TV titan surprised many last January by turning serious and launching a daily political talk show based in Cincinnati. He continues to tape his controversial TV show in Chicago. His radio show is already in

five cities. Springer could be the spark Air America needs ó in New York at least, where it's based at WLIB (1190 AM). After a solid debut last spring, especially among younger listeners, it appeared to fade last fall. Recently, the lefty net dropped one-time "Daily Show" producer Lizz Winstead from the 9 a.m.-noon time slot where Springer airs elsewhere around the country. That would put Springer on the air right before comedian Al Franken, who is the network's biggest draw. Air America, which is on about 50 stations nationally, recently hired record-industry exec Danny Goldberg as its new CEO. An Air America spokesman declined to comment (via Artie Bigley, DXLD)

** URUGUAY. 6045, R Sarandí Sport, Montevideo, reactivated. Heard 1721 Mar 22 with commentary on soccer topics. Modulation/signal not too much different to their former monitored active period, i.e.: somewhat tiny modulation. Fair signal. It still remains to see if their sked includes night.

6140, R. Oriental, 1721 Mar 22, in // with its MW (770), as well in joint transmission with Radio Cristal, Las Piedras, Canelones (1470) and Em. Continental, Pando, Canelones (1600). Surely they will be active only this week, till next coming Sun, carrying the most traditional bike competition on Uruguay, "La Vuelta Ciclista del Uruguay". Active only during around 1100-2000 (approximate sked). (Horacio Nigro, Uruguay, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** VIETNAM [and non]. A-05 Voice of Vietnam, Hanoi registrations:

5925 2200 1700 49	CK2 50 320 VTN VOV VOV
5975 2200 1700 49	HAN 50 176 VTN VOV VOV
6020 2200 1700 49	DAL 20 320 VTN VOV VOV
6165 1130 1330 49	CK2 50 176 VTN VOV VOV
6165 2200 2300 49	CK2 50 176 VTN VOV VOV
6175 0100 0430 6,10N	SAC 250 212 G VOV MER
6175 0430 0500 2,6	SAC 250 268 G VOV MER
6175 0500 0530 2,6	SAC 250 253 G VOV MER
7210 2200 1700 49	DAL 20 320 VTN VOV VOV
7220 1100 1330 33,34,43,44	VNI 100 27 VTN VOV VOV
7220 2200 2230 33,34,43,44	VNI 100 27 VTN VOV VOV
7280 1600 2130 27,28	VNI 100 310 VTN VOV VOV
7285 1030 1600 49	MET 50 216 VTN VOV VOV
7285 2200 0100 49	MET 50 216 VTN VOV VOV
9530 2200 1700 49	CK2 50 176 VTN VOV VOV
9550 1100 1330 33,34,43,44	VNI 100 27 VTN VOV VOV
9550 1500 1700 46,47	VNI 100 290 VTN VOV VOV
9550 2030 2200 46,47	VNI 100 290 VTN VOV VOV
9550 2200 2230 33,34,43,44	VNI 100 27 VTN VOV VOV
9725 1700 1900 27,28W	MOS 100 300 AUT VOV MER
9725 1900 2030 28S	SKN 300 140 G VOV MER
9730 1600 2130 27,28	VNI 100 320 VTN VOV VOV

9840 1100 1230 33,34,43,44 VNI 100 57 VTN VOV VOV
 9840 1230 1330 49,51,54 VNI 100 177 VTN VOV VOV
 9840 1330 1430 33,34,43,44 VNI 100 57 VTN VOV VOV
 9840 1430 1600 49,51,54 VNI 100 177 VTN VOV VOV
 9840 2130 2230 33,34,43,44 VNI 100 57 VTN VOV VOV
 9840 2230 2400 49,51,54 VNI 100 177 VTN VOV VOV
 9875 2200 1700 49 MET 50 176 VTN VOV VOV
 12020 1100 1230 33,34,43,44 VNI 100 57 VTN VOV VOV
 12020 1230 1330 49,51,54 VNI 100 177 VTN VOV VOV
 12020 1330 1430 33,34,43,44 VNI 100 57 VTN VOV VOV
 12020 1430 1600 49,51,54 VNI 100 177 VTN VOV VOV
 12020 2130 2230 33,34,43,44 VNI 100 57 VTN VOV VOV
 12020 2230 2400 49,51,54 VNI 100 177 VTN VOV VOV
 13860 1500 1700 46,47 VNI 100 290 VTN VOV VOV
 13860 2030 2200 46,47 VNI 100 290 VTN VOV VOV
 (March 9) (via BC-DX March 22 via DXLD)

** WESTERN SAHARA [non]. ALGERIA, 700, Polisario Front (Algerian (RTA) site?) putting splendid signals when monitored evenings 11+12 Mar at on the SW coast; typically better than 7460 due to the usual QRM de RFAsia 7460, but even the latter outlet provides slightly better reception on the south. By the way, 1550 Tindouf (I wish this could be ascertained once & for all) is still off (Carlos GonÁalves, Portugal, wwdxc BC-DX Mar 17 via DXLD)

** ZIMBABWE [non]. 11705, SWRA via Rampisham(?), 1744-1759, Mar. 18, Vernacular/English, Talks between 2 OM in language, 2 YLs at 1751 with English interview re "female perspective" of Zimbabwe. Blown out at 1759 by co-channel RFI sign-on. Fair with unID station at tune-in, eventually slipping under dominant SWRA.

11995, SWRA via Rampsiam(?), *1800-1814, Mar. 18, English Vernacular, Continuation of English interview noted on 11705. OM and YL with full ID, SW frequency and MW-1197, 24 hr. phone-line: 023-275030 and talk @ swradioafrica.com PSA re "importance of your vote" and March 31 election. Candidate prg. at 1810 with OM in English and language with "My name is Jeffrey (last name?), I am the candidate for the MDC". Fair, best listening in LSB. Wonder what happens to these broadcasts after Mar. 31? (Scott R. Barbour, Jr., Intervale, NH, R75, 200' Beverage antennas, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

RSF ASKS ITU TO INVESTIGATE ZIMBABWE JAMMING

Reporters Without Borders (RSF) today said it was "outraged" by Zimbabwe's jamming since 7 March of shortwave broadcasts by SW Radio Africa, a privately-owned radio station based in London which employs Zimbabwean journalists living in exile. In a letter to the Geneva-based International Telecommunication Union (ITU), the press freedom

organization asked this UN system body "to seriously examine this situation, which constitutes a grave violation of Harare's undertakings towards the United Nations."

The letter urged ITU secretary-general Yoshio Utsumi "to demand official and credible explanations from Zimbabwe, which is a member state of the ITU since 18 February 1981 and, as such, obliged to conform to the provisions of its constitution, conventions and administrative regulations."

Reporters Without Borders added : "Thanks to support from China, which exports its repressive expertise, Robert Mugabe's government has yet again just proved itself to be one of the most active predators of press freedom. Although in the middle of an electoral campaign, Zimbabwe has not only flouted the Southern African Development Community's democratic principles, it is now also displaying open contempt for its undertakings towards the ITU and the UN conventions it has signed."

The Media Monitoring Project Zimbabwe (MMPZ), a Harare-based independent watchdog, said the jamming of SW Radio Africa's broadcasts is being carried out from Thornhill airbase - located outside the southwestern town of Gweru, between Harare and Bulawayo - where the government has a transmission station.

According to the International Broadcasting Bureau (IBB), a US federal government entity, the equipment being used for the jamming comes from China, which has close trade links with Zimbabwe, especially in the telecommunications domain.

BBC Monitoring (a BBC offshoot that monitors news media throughout the world) said it established on 16 March that SW Radio Africa's three daily broadcasts were being "deliberately jammed." The 1600 GMT broadcast on 11.845 kHz was drowned by a 1 kHz signal. The 1700 and 1800 GMT broadcasts were jammed by interference of a "rotary" kind.

ITU regulation 1.166 defines interference as : "The effect of unwanted energy due to one or a combination of emissions, radiations, or inductions upon reception in a radiocommunication system, manifested by any performance degradation, misinterpretation, or loss of information which could be extracted in the absence of such unwanted energy."

Article 1003 of the annex of the ITU constitution defines "harmful interference" as one that "obstructs or repeatedly interrupts a radiocommunication service."

posted by Andy @ 14:56 UT March 22 (Media Network blog via DXLD)

UNIDENTIFIED. Re 5-050 Yosemite Sam [non?]. Sorry! I thought the frequency was in there. It's 3890. Later reports have the data bursts, and apparently the voice is different than that of the original Sam (Steve Lare, Holland, MI USA, March 22, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

Hello, The preamble is similar and the direction is the same. I think it's the same source. Seems the interview on World of Radio was more fiction than fact. 73, Posted by twomules at dwave.org to WUN (via Steve Lare, DXLD) Not sure what this individual is alluding to, but figured I'd send you the post (Steve Lare, MI, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

Nor I; there was no interview on WOR about this, as there are seldom interviews about anything (gh)

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RADIO EQUIPMENT FORUM

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FREE FM RADIOS FOR RAILROADERS

In metro Atlanta, MARTA trains are being equipped for FM radio and digital TV. The trains of the metro Atlanta transit authority will utilize some 230,000 FM radios to be handed out to patrons. As well, the system will allow for patrons to use their own headset radios, which will permit private listening that will not bother other passengers. It is working with WSB-TV, Channel 2, to provide news and other programming in a digital format. This is said to be the first such experiment with patron-utilized FM and TV in a metro railroad system (March FMedia! via DXLD)

ETON E-ONE-X-M (USA)

<http://www.ktre.com/Global/story.asp?S=3108263>

The first-ever radio to combine A-M, F-M, shortwave, longwave and X-M Satellite Radio. The Eton E-One-X-M sells for 500 dollars. But enthusiasts who want to listen in on news of the world and enjoy high-quality F-M and satellite music indicate it's worth it. Measuring 12-by-seven inches and weighing about four pounds, this radio is not exactly a Walkman, but it can be moved around the house, as long as the satellite antenna can see the sky. Its biggest shortcoming is that the E-One-X-M needs headphones or a second external speaker to play F-M and X-M in stereo. The radio will be in stores in May (via Mike Terry, dxldyg via DXLD)

PROPAGATION

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The geomagnetic field ranged from quiet to minor storm levels at lower latitudes with minor to major storm periods at the higher latitudes. The period began on 14 March with quiet to minor storm levels at lower latitudes and minor to major storm periods at high latitudes. Heightened activity was due to a SSB crossing followed by a weak HSS. On 15 March, conditions were quiet. On 16, 18, and 20 March, conditions were quiet to unsettled. On 17 March, conditions were quiet to active with an isolated minor storm period at high latitudes due to the presence of another weak geoeffective HSS. Conditions were quiet to active, with an isolated minor storm period on 19 March due to the continued presence of the weak HSS and periods of prolonged southward Bz early in the UTC day.

#### SPACE WEATHER OUTLOOK 23 MARCH - 18 APRIL 2005

Solar activity is expected be at very low to low levels. A region on the far side of the sun produced a CME at 21/1448 UTC. This region may increase activity levels when it rotates into view on approximately 24 ñ 25 March. A greater than 10 MeV proton event is not expected. The greater than 2 MeV electron flux at geosynchronous orbit is expected to be at high levels on 27 ñ 30 March, and 03 ñ 08 April.

The geomagnetic field is expected to range from quiet to minor storm levels. Coronal hole high speed wind streams are expected to produce unsettled to active levels with occasional minor storm periods on 26 ñ 29 March, 02 ñ 06 April, and again on 10 April. Quiet to active conditions are expected on 12 ñ 13 April due to a weak HSS. Otherwise, expect quiet to unsettled conditions.

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# 27-day Space Weather Outlook Table

# Issued 2005 Mar 22

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| # UTC       | Radio Flux | Planetary | Largest  |
|-------------|------------|-----------|----------|
| # Date      | 10.7 cm    | A Index   | Kp Index |
| 2005 Mar 23 | 85         | 10        | 3        |
| 2005 Mar 24 | 85         | 12        | 3        |
| 2005 Mar 25 | 80         | 12        | 3        |
| 2005 Mar 26 | 80         | 15        | 3        |
| 2005 Mar 27 | 80         | 15        | 3        |
| 2005 Mar 28 | 75         | 12        | 3        |
| 2005 Mar 29 | 75         | 10        | 3        |



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| 2005 Mar 30 | 80 | 5  | 2 |
| 2005 Mar 31 | 80 | 5  | 2 |
| 2005 Apr 01 | 80 | 10 | 3 |
| 2005 Apr 02 | 85 | 35 | 6 |
| 2005 Apr 03 | 85 | 35 | 6 |
| 2005 Apr 04 | 85 | 25 | 5 |
| 2005 Apr 05 | 85 | 20 | 4 |
| 2005 Apr 06 | 90 | 12 | 3 |
| 2005 Apr 07 | 90 | 5  | 2 |
| 2005 Apr 08 | 90 | 5  | 2 |
| 2005 Apr 09 | 90 | 8  | 3 |
| 2005 Apr 10 | 95 | 20 | 4 |
| 2005 Apr 11 | 95 | 8  | 3 |
| 2005 Apr 12 | 95 | 10 | 3 |
| 2005 Apr 13 | 90 | 15 | 3 |
| 2005 Apr 14 | 90 | 15 | 3 |
| 2005 Apr 15 | 90 | 12 | 3 |
| 2005 Apr 16 | 85 | 8  | 3 |
| 2005 Apr 17 | 85 | 5  | 2 |
| 2005 Apr 18 | 85 | 5  | 2 |

(<http://www.sec.noaa.gov/radio> via WORLD OF RADIO 1268, DXLD) ###